

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SAFE DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated funds under safe drinking water programme to Bihar in the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Bihar during 2004-2005 for this programme
- (c) whether District Water and Sanitation Committee is also being constituted for the success of this programme
- (d) if so, the details of its composition; and
- (e) the districts identified to be included under the said programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) For providing potable drinking water to the rural habitations, the Central Government allocates funds to the State Governments under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). ARWSP (Normal) and ARWSP (Swajaldhara) are the two main components of the said programme. The funds allocated and released to Bihar during 2004-05 under these components are as under: -

(Rs. in Lakh)

Component	Amount allocated
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ARWSP (Normal)	7405.00
ARWSP (Swajaldhara)	923.98

(c) & (d) Under ARWSP (Swajaldhara) funds are released to the District Water and Sanitation Committees (DWSC). The guidelines of Swajaldhara provide that DWSC will be headed by CEO of the District Panchayat/District Collector/District Magistrate. The other members of the DWSC will be District Level Officers such as Executive Engineer of Drinking Water, District Education Officer, District Health Officer, Project Director DRDA, District Panchayati Raj Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, and District Information and Public Relations Officer. In addition three experts from reputed NGOs may be coopted into the Committee as members.

(e) Five districts of Bihar-Patna, Vaishali, East Champaran, Bhagalpur and Siwan have been included under Swajaldhara programme during 2004-05.